VERATRUM VIRIDE.

American Hellebore.

PLATE XXXIII.

In many parts of the United States the swamps and wet meadows, which have been converted into mowing lands, are peculiarly marked in the early part of spring by two species of plants. These are the *Ictodes fœtidus* already described (Pl. xxiv) and *Veratrum viride*, usually denominated *Poke root* and *Hellebore*. Both of these plants spring up more rapidly than the grass around them, and from the largeness and bright green colour of their leaves they are often the most conspicuous objects in the places of their growth. As the season advances, the Ictodes continues only a tuft of radical leaves, while the Veratrum sends up a straight leafy stalk, which frequently acquires the full height of a man.

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